

Sandy Recovery Dune Planting Project
Gateway National Recreation Area

Dates: Miller Field on Thursday (Nov 7) and Friday (Nov 8)
Great Kills Park on Friday (Nov 15) and Saturday (Nov 16)

Seeking a Group of 10-20 volunteers

Project Description: Don't miss the opportunity to help Gateway recover from Hurricane Sandy! This project entails planting native grasses to help restore dunes and make Gateway more resilient. Sign your group up to help make a lasting impact with this important project.

As part of the recovery from Sandy, we are beginning to replant the upper beach at Miller Field. Most of the original vegetation survived the storm and held the dunes, despite some overwash. To enhance the future effectiveness of the dune barrier during storms we will create a denser plant cover.

In the early November our focus is on replanting the inland edge of the Miller Field dunes, just above the new multi-use path. The dunes have a steep slope that results in sand drifting down on the pavement. The slope was re-contoured last month to diminish its steepness, and now we will plant American Beach grass (*Ammophila breviligulata*) to try to give some stability to the sand.

Project Location: Miller Field (Nov 7 and 8) and Great Kills Park (Nov 15 and 16), Staten Island

Volunteers should bring: Gloves and wear clothes appropriate for manual labor: closed toed shoes, hat, etc.

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